

Certificate for Online Adjunct Teaching (COAT) Course

WHAT IS COAT?

The **C**ertificate for **O**nline **A**djunct **T**eaching (COAT) course is an online professional development course designed for higher education instructors who are interested in learning how to teach online.



WHAT IS COVERED IN THE COURSE?

The course explores the online teaching and learning environment by introducing online learning principles and instructor competencies. Participants will experience online learning from the students' perspective as they explore and master specific competencies needed in order to successfully teach online. Some topics covered include:

- 1) Strategies for orienting students to the online learning environment
- 2) Basic instructional design principles as applied to the facilitation of online courses
- 3) Self assessment of technical and learning management system skills
- 4) Pedagogical approaches to facilitating online learning – Teaching and learning theories, strategies and best practices
- 5) Establishing social processes and presence – Building a learning community in the online classroom
- 6) Facilitating online discussions and group work– Encouraging peer-to-peer learning and collaboration
- 7) Managing assessment and maintaining assessment integrity in the online environment
- 8) Important legal issues (FERPA, ADA, and copyright)
- 9) Identifying relevant institutional policies, procedures, and support services

HOW IS THE COURSE CONDUCTED?

The course is 9 weeks long and is taught fully online. The course includes weekly activities and assignments, as well as reading and collaboration with the other participants.

WHEN IS THE COURSE OFFERED?

The course is offered periodically throughout the year. Upcoming courses start on:

- **January 9, 2012**
- **March 26, 2012**
- **June 4, 2012**

WHAT IS THE COST?

- \$300 for Maryland residents or instructors affiliated with a Maryland institution
- \$600 for Non-Maryland residents

IS COLLEGE CREDIT AWARDED FOR THE COURSE?

No. The course is intended to be a structured professional development activity for higher education teaching professionals. Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a Certificate of Completion from MarylandOnline,